

# THE CHURCHES AND TO-DAY'S SERVICES

## Big Jobs Awaiting Us

Sermon by  
REV. FLOYD W. TOMKINS.  
Text: Exodus III, 1-14.

I have always had a deep sympathy for Moses as he was called to the task of delivering the Israelites from the bondage of the Egyptians. It would have been a big job for any one under any circumstances, and the previous history of Moses rendered the difficulties much greater. He had been brought up in the King's palace. He had killed an Egyptian who ill-treated an Israelite. He was scorned by a fellow Hebrew whom he tried to help, and he was himself in enforced exile in Midian. Everything seemed to make him the last person to attempt such a great task, yet God called him to it. How contrary to our human judgments God sometimes seems to act! We thought to trust him more perfectly. We thought to make him more sure. We often called to do things which seem impossible for us to accomplish as his work appeared impossible to us. God gives us some easy things to do, but he also gives us some hard things, and we know that it is the hard things that really make true men of us and lift life to a high place of glory. Washington was called to a great task, and he was commanded that he take the lead in freeing the American colonies. Lincoln was called to a great task when slavery was to be driven from our land. And we are sure that they both hesitated in the face of the problem, and then, by God's grace, were enabled to accomplish glorious things. Let us never be afraid to attempt great works when we are sure that God calls us. He never fails to support and make victorious those who bravely and humbly answer when He calls: "Here am I."

## NOTHING INSIGNIFICANT IN THE NIGHT OF GOD

We must remember that nothing is insignificant in God's sight, and hence all our tasks are great, and we must think of them as demanding the use of all our powers and the consecration of all our gifts. It is the slightest of what we term little tasks that holds the world back from perfection. If every man did his part and did it well in the economy of life, how rapid would be our advance! But men are careless and do things in hasty disregard, or else they are indolent and others have to take up the burden. It is a sad comment on humanity that a true man who wants to do right has to perform not only his own task, but the neglected task of other men! And in addition he generally has to "undo" that which some one has done wrongly.

But there are special tasks in human life which call for great and wise energy. There are the problems associated with public evils, like drink and impurity and dishonesty. There are the problems of war to be solved, that nations may not commit suicide under a wild thirst for supremacy or an indignation at imagined insults. There is the problem of city government, which, according to Viscount Bryce, is the most serious problem of America. And, above all else, there is the problem how to make men believe the good that they may become righteous and God-fearing. Let us not forget these things in the rush of daily toil. They appeal to the true man, and they demand the sincere activity of us all.

## GOD CALLS MEN IN TIME OF PUBLIC NEED

There must be leaders. God in the Bible history always called men, as He called Moses, to take the initiative when some necessity was pressing and the men thus chosen were comparatively unknown. Gideon was called to defeat the enemies of his country. Daniel was called to declare God's truth to the people of Babylon. Paul was summoned to be the apostle of the Gentiles. And all through the history of Christianity men were raised up for emergencies and great advances. In a sense, we are all called to be leaders, each in his own place. In America every man is a sovereign. But we are also called to be loyal to those big things which are our special leaders for special tasks to be done, and the realization of big things to be done demands such loyalty as shall assure success through the faithfulness of each man to the principles which are to be established. It is the intelligence of each single soldier, whose heart is in the struggle because he knows the right for which he is battling, that assures victory; and so in our conflicts for moral and civic and national excellence, while we follow our leaders, it must not be with a blindness which makes us slaves, but with an enthusiastic intelligence which holds us to effort because the thing for which we are striving is right.

## CHURCHES SHOULD UNDERTAKE BIG WORK

In our churches we should undertake some big work. It is not profitable for us just to go along in the old way. If the new era of life had no greater demands than the era of our grandfathers, every living church attempts some big thing, and the attempt arouses the enthusiasm of the people and unites them in hearty endeavor. Perhaps a new mission in the city calls for it. Perhaps the support of some missionary in foreign lands asks for our zeal. It may be a real evangelistic campaign to bring men to Christ is necessary. Let us in our churches undertake some big task to which God calls us, and for every individual, aside from this big general effort, there is a special call. How about that man who is not a Christian? Can you not accept it as our work to bring him to the Master, perseveringly keeping at it, wisely, lovingly, prayerfully, but with determination? There is a man who is empty; he has wandered away and needs some one to bring him back. Can you not do it, with God's help, there is a poor family needing your guidance, not only to supply their temporal needs, but to establish them on a basis of self-respecting self-support. Can you not attempt it? Your minister needs some one to undertake a special work, to care for a class of boys or to manage some group of people in a clear line of work. Have you offered yourself to any of these tasks calling for energy and consecration. Of course, you feel yourself unworthy and unfit. If you felt otherwise God would not call you, so man who proclaims himself competent is really a man God wants, but he who knows his man God wants, looks to God for aid in the man after God's own heart. "What am I?" he cries at first, and then after he has talked with God about it, he changes the form of his exclamation and cries, "Here am I!"

## GOD CALLS ON EACH ONE TO UNDERTAKE GREAT TASKS

We are living, dear friends, in an age when there are calls on every side to undertake great tasks. It is a grand and solemn time in which to live, and

it demands high ideals, great courage, wide-open eyes and self-denial. The world is passing through a crisis. No one can predict what will be the final condition of things! But God is working out His purpose, and He will make the wrath of man to praise Him in bringing some great and lasting good for His children on earth through this war. And we can help by undertaking some of the big things now calling us. There is the help needed for the sufferers from the war. There is the interest in and furtherance of the lasting and honorable peace which must be established at this war's close. For never again must civilized people, Christian nations, be allowed to fight. There is the great cause of temperance and the cause of purity, which demand treatment now, at once.

There is the missionary work, which we must push ahead with all our might, lest Christ come and find His command, "preach the Gospel to the whole creature," not obeyed. And there are the causes which demand justice between man and man in business, and which call for a solution of the problem of poverty and the cause of the insane. We must fit ourselves for these works by going near to Christ in consecration and communion, and learning from Him how best to serve, and gaining from Him the wisdom and strength needed. And perhaps we have just in that the biggest task of all, which underlies all other tasks—our own growth in real Christianity. For we can do no great thing for God unless we are vessels fit for God's use. March we forth in the strength of God. With the banner of Christ unfurled. That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth may shine throughout the world; Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin. To set their captives free. That the earth shall be filled with the glory of God.

As the waters cover the sea,  
ARTHUR C. AINGER.

## LOCAL CHURCH NOTICES

### EPISCOPAL

**St. Mark's**—Holy Communion and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer at 8:15. Both services conducted by the rector, Rev. G. M. Laren Brydon.

**St. Paul's**—Liturgy and Communion at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer at 8:15.

**St. James**—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8:15. The rector, Rev. G. Freeland Peter, will preach at both services.

**Monumental**—Rev. James W. Morris, D. D., the rector, will preach at 11 o'clock and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

**All Saints**—The rector, Rev. J. Y. Downman, will administer Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and will conduct the usual services with sermons at 11 o'clock and at 5 o'clock.

**Holy Trinity**—Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8:15. Rev. J. J. Gravatt, D. D., the rector, will preach at both services.

**Grace**—Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Regular services at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 with sermons by the rector, Rev. W. H. Burkhardt.

**Ascension**—Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8 o'clock. Rev. Philip A. Arthur, the rector, will preach at both services.

**St. Andrew's**—Morning prayer, sacrament of baptism and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 8:15. Celebration of Holy Communion at 7:30 in the morning.

**Holy Comforter**—Morning prayer and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer at 8:15. The rector, Rev. W. E. Cox, will preach at both services.

### METHODIST

**Winter Park**—Usual services at 11 o'clock, with preaching by the pastor, Rev. L. S. Plourney. Evening services at 8:15.

**Park Place**—Rev. C. G. Hobbs, of Randolph-Macon College, will preach at 11 o'clock today, at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 o'clock. The regular League and Sunday school hours as usual, 9:30 and 7:30 o'clock.

**Trinity**—The pastor, Rev. B. T. Candler, will preach at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 o'clock.

**Monument**—Rev. J. T. Mastin, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 o'clock. Rev. George H. McFadden at 8:15 o'clock.

**Broad Street**—Preaching at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Fred R. Chenault.

**Centenary**—The pastor, Rev. T. A. Smoot, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 o'clock. New officers of the Epworth League will be installed at the evening service.

**Grace**—Preaching at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Unruh.

**St. Paul's**—Children's Day exercises at 11 o'clock. Preaching at 8:15 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Unruh. Services, beginning to-night, will continue for ten days or two weeks, with preaching each night by the pastor, Rev. Thomas E. Johnson, with special music at each service.

**Barton Heights**—Preaching at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. F. B. McSparran.

**Clay Street**—Usual services at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 o'clock, with preaching by the pastor, Rev. G. H. Newbury.

### PRESBYTERIAN

**Grace Covenant**—Rev. E. C. Caldwell, D. D., will preach at both the morning and evening services.

**Second**—Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock and at 8:15.

### CHRISTIAN

**Third**—The pastor, Rev. J. O. Helsback, will preach at 11 o'clock and at 8:15.

**Cowardin Avenue**—The pastor, Rev. John R. Tate, will preach at 11 o'clock on "A Labor Crisis," and at 8:15 Professor C. B. Givens will preach.

**Seventh Street**—John Stewart Bryan will speak at 11 o'clock in this church on "War Work of the Y. M. C. A." In the absence of the pastor, Rev. John A. Tate will preach at 8 o'clock on "The World's Cry and Its Answer."

### BAPTIST

**Fulton**—Rev. W. Thorburn Clarke, the pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock, when a service flag will be unfurled with appropriate exercises. The pastor will again preach in the evening.

## NORTHERN CHINA SUFFERS FROM SERIOUS FLOODS

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who have in any way been exposed to the disease.

"China is also afflicted with rebellion in several of the southern provinces. It is impossible to explain the political situation as it changes almost every hour. The central government, undoubtedly is very much stronger than the South, but there has been an earnest desire to settle difficulties without fighting. Vacillation on the part of the government and of the disturbance by foreign influences to interfere, are largely responsible for the continuance of the disorders. China, however, is perfectly capable of taking care of her own country if foreign powers permit her to work out her own salvation."

## BEDFORD DEVELOPMENT

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BLUE RIDGE SPRINGS, VA., May 18.—The Villamont Co-operative Community, which was recently incorporated by the State Corporation Commission with \$25,000 capital stock, will have permanent offices here, but for the present will maintain temporary headquarters in Roanoke. The company has been incorporated for the purpose of developing some 1,500 acres of orchard and truck farm lands near here, in Bedford County. President Quick states that villa sites will be laid off, roads made, streets, time bungalows built, and possibly a hotel. Improvements will be commenced this year and enlarged next year.

## CREATURE OF THE WAR

Residence Suburb, Mile and a Half Out of Newport News, Going Up Rapidly.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 18.—The new suburb, Hilton, which is a mile and a half out of Newport News, is going up rapidly. The United States government has already contracted for these. New houses for military and naval attaches and for foreign consuls are being built by the government in and about this city, are going up at a rapid rate. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway has contracted for a passenger station there. Already the new station of Hilton is doing an immense freight business.

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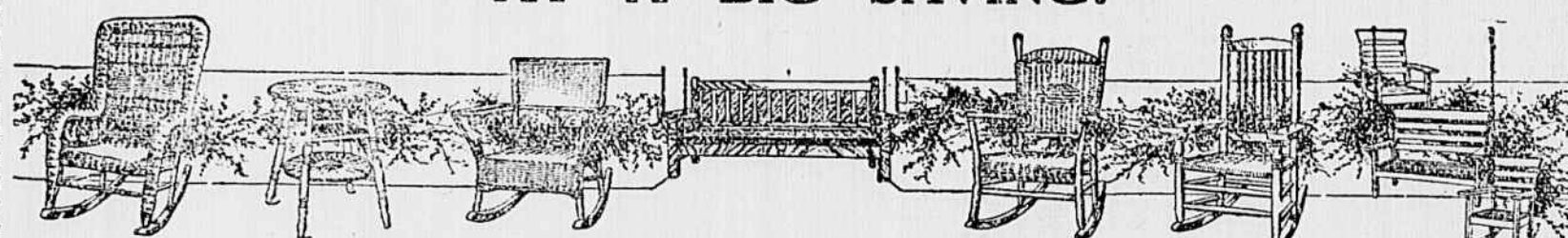
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